

REGULAR MEETING OF THE JASPER COUNTY COUNCIL

April 22, 2015

The Jasper County Council met this date at 7:00 P.M. C.S.T. in the Commissioners' Room, Suite 202, of the Jasper County Courthouse located at 115 West Washington Street, Rensselaer, Indiana, with the following members present: Rein O. Bontreger, Gerrit H. DeVries, John T. Price, Stephen R. Jordan, Andrew Andree, Gary Fritts and Paul Norwine. Mr. Bontreger called the meeting to order and those present stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mr. Jordan.

MINUTES: Mr. Andree made the motion to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on March 17, 2015. Mr. Price seconded and the motion carried.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION / SUPERIOR COURT: Advertised in the County General Fund, Superior Court Budget, Other Services & Charges, GAL/CASA was \$6,000.00. Mr. Jordan made the motion to approve **Additional Appropriation Ordinance No. 2015-04A**. Mr. Norwine seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE / HERITAGE BARN: Submitted to the Council for their review was an ordinance that would require a person receiving a property tax deduction for a heritage barn under IC 6-1.1-12-26.2 to pay an annual public safety fee of fifty dollars (\$50.00) for each heritage barn for which the person receives a deduction. Any fees collected would then be distributed among the police and fire departments in whose territories each heritage barn is located.

HISTORY OF COUNTY FUNDS: A history of the county's funds was distributed to each member of the Council for informational purposes.

BUDGET DATES: The 2016 budget hearings will begin at the regularly scheduled Council Meeting to be held on Tuesday, August 18 followed by the full-day budget hearings to be held on Wednesday, August 19 and Thursday, August 20. The budget cuts are scheduled for Tuesday, September 1 and Wednesday, September 2 with the final budget adoption scheduled for Tuesday, September 15.

FINANCIAL SOFTWARE / AUDITOR: Auditor Grow reported that Bill Batley, IT, does have some money budgeted for the purchase of new financial software. The new software is currently being used by 42 other counties within the State of Indiana.

AIRPORT AUTHORITY / UPDATE: Brad Cozza, Airport Manager, reported on a conference, Aviation & Aerospace in Indiana, that he attended today in Indianapolis. The keynote speaker was the President and CEO of Rolls-Royce North America.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT / DIRECTOR OF TOURISM AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS: Kevin Kelly, Economic Development Director, was present to introduce Sheila White as the new Director of Tourism and Community Relations. Mr. Norwine asked if there were any major businesses currently looking at the county? Mr. Kelly replied that they did have a good prospect visit a couple of weeks ago that we will be following up on.

There being no further business, Mr. Fritts made the motion to adjourn. Mr. Price seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Rein O. Bontreger, President

ATTEST:

Kimberly K. Grow, Auditor of Jasper County

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